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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
TO LET.
FROM 1st MAY.
"THE BLUE" Peak.
Apply to
R. MURRAY RUMSEY.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1890.

WANTED at the GENERAL POST OFFICE, a CLERK to take charge of the MONEY ORDER BRANCH. EUROPEAN or AMERICAN preferred. The salary is \$1,400 per annum. The following qualifications are indispensable: a good heart, a steady, reliable character, accounts, ability to find approved security for \$5,000. During the first year, the engagement will be terminable after a month's notice from either side.
Apply by letter, with copies of testimonials, to the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, General Post Office, Hongkong, 9th April, 1890.

CANDLES COAL
In Lots to suit Purchasers, at \$12 per ton.
G. C. ANDERSON.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1890.

SOCIETE FERMIERE DE L'OPUM AU TONKIN
SOCIETE ANONYME CAPITAL 1,440,000 FRANCS.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that, in conformity with the Resolutions passed at the General Meeting under date of 31st March, 1889, the DIVIDEND WARRANTS for the year 1889, will be paid at the rate of One Hundred and Sixty Dollars per share, in HANOI, at the Company's Head Office, from the 7th April, 1890, in HONGKONG, at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, from the 25th April to the 10th May, 1890.
R. S. MATURIN, Managing Director.
Hanoi, 8th April, 1890.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Hongkong Club, on MONDAY, April 14th, at 4 p.m., and the attendance of Shareholders and subscribing Members is particularly requested.
Business: To receive a Statement of Accounts to the Directors and Officers.
To elect a Committee and Officers.
To discuss any matter connected with the Club that may be brought forward. A copy of the Statement of Accounts will be found posted in the Reception Court.
A. S. GARFITT, Hon. Treas.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1890.

NOTICE OF MEETING.
THE DARVEL BAY TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the DARVEL BAY TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at 9, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, the Registered Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 21st day of April, 1890, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering the Report of the Directors and of the Auditors, and for the purpose of passing resolutions in relation to the Report of the Directors and of the Auditors, and for the purpose of electing a Committee and Officers, and for the purpose of discussing any matter connected with the Company that may be brought forward. A copy of the Report of the Directors and of the Auditors will be found posted in the Reception Court.
REUTER BROCKELMANN & Co., General Managers.

THE BELLOUS TRUSTEES will hold an Examination in December next, in the following subjects:
FOR GIRLS LEARNING ONLY CHINESE.
Composition (a letter to be written in the Chinese character).
Translation from the Chinese character into colloquial (using either the romanized or the Chinese character).
Arithmetic (up to and inclusive of vulgar and decimal fractions).
FOR GIRLS GETTING A EUROPEAN EDUCATION.
English composition.
Physical Geography.
English History, from the time of Queen Elizabeth.
FOR BOYS.
Algebra (including quadratic equations) and Mensuration.
History of the reign of Queen Victoria.
Conditions of Examination will be as in former years. Date and place of Examination will be announced early in November. Amount and value of prizes will be specified at the same time.
For the Trustees, JNO. J. FRANCIS.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1890.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "TELEMACUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo being discharged at Canton, and for onward transit to the United Kingdom, will be delivered by the Company's Steamer "TELEMACUS" on the 11th inst. Goods undelivered after the 11th inst. will be subject to Rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. 17th inst.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1890.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and PORTS on the YANGTZE).
THE Company's Steamer
"KWEIYANG."
Captain Burns, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 14th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1890.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
HAYE NOW UNPACKED THEIR
NEW STOCK
OF
CALCUTTA PITH.
SUN HATS AND HELMETS.
STRAW HATS.
AND
PUGGAREES.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1890.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND POOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamer
"NAMO,"
Captain Pocock, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th inst., at DAYLIGHT.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1890.

FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG, AND SOERABAYA.
THE Steamship
"DEVONHURST,"
Captain Houghton, will be despatched as above on or about the 14th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1890.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and PORTS on the YANGTZE).
THE Company's Steamer
"PATROCLUS,"
Captain Purford, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 17th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1890.

AUCTIONS.
PUBLIC AUCTION
SILK MERCERY, HABERDASHERY, &c.
The Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 10th April, 1890, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, A FURTHER PORTION OF THE STOCK IN TRADE
Messrs. GATE & Co., comprising
SILK Hosiery, GLOVES, LACE COBSETS, and OTHER SILK REBONS, and a Great Variety of LADY'S OUTFITS, HABERDASHERY, &c., &c.
The above Articles will be on view on Wednesday, the 9th inst., p.m.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.
G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1890.

M. R. J. M. ARMSTRONG is instructed to sell by Public Auction, on TO-MORROW, the 11th April, at 5 P.M., 1st.—All that PIECE of GROUND registered in the Land Office as Inland Lots Nos. 294 and 295 with the MESSAGES thereon known as Nos. 10, 12, and 14, Queen's Road, and the 9th inst. p.m.
2nd.—All that PIECE of GROUND registered as the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 113 with the MESSAGES thereon known as Nos. 50, 52, and 54, Graham Street.
3rd.—All that PIECE of GROUND registered as the Remaining Portion of Section A of Subsection 1 of Section A of Marine Lot 40 with the MESSAGES thereon known as Nos. 138, 140, and 142, Tai Wong Lane.
For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to
Messrs. CALDWELL & WILKINSON, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1890.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 14th April, 1890, at 2 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, An Assortment of JAPANESE WARE, comprising—
KAMAS, IMARI, KONO, SATSUMA, & TONTO VASES, JARS, PLATES, BOWLS, IN. CEUSE BURNERS, TEA and COFFEE SETS, and ORNAMENTS.
ENAMELLED WARE, EGG SHELL WARE, LACQUERED WARE, BRONZES, CABINETS, and BRACKETS.
KAKIMONOS, EMBROIDERIES, and EMBROIDERED SCREENS.
TERMS OF SALE.—As by Auctioneer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1890.

JUST ARRIVED, FOR SALE.
THE New Steam Winder and Enamelled Dial WATERBURY WATCH.
Series J.—For Gentlemen, or large size. Series L.—For Ladies, or small size. Winder in leather or metal case, jewelled. Dust-proof. Keyless, with all the \$4.75 latest improvements. A perfect and unrivalled timekeeper; reliable, durable, and accurate.
Series E.—The "Good old favourite." The best form of the original Waterbury: offered at the reduced price of \$2.50 each. Orders from Out-ports to be accompanied with remittance for cost.
THE MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA, Sole Agents in Japan, China, Korea, Hongkong, & Japan.
No. 10, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 21st February, 1890.

PRIZE 2500 FRANKS.
QUINAI A ROCHE
LABOCHER'S
CINCHONA WINE
"It is an agreeable and doubtless highly efficacious remedy."
"This Vinous-Elixir is the most powerful and valuable of the preparations of cinchona as a strengthening and antifebrile restorative. Been employed in cases of weakness and debility, loss of appetite, change of life, fever, nervousness, exhaustion, &c."
Also prepared with IRON
Dyspepsia, purifying the Blood, for Anemia, Chlorosis, for Scrophulous Affections, &c.
PARIS, 22, RUE D'ORFÈVRE, 22, PARIS.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Money advanced on Mortgage on Land or other securities, and on all kinds of Agency and Commission business relating to Land, &c., conducted at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.
A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.
Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1890.

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INTIMATIONS.

ROUND THE WORLD IN SIXTY DAYS.
CITIZEN GEORGE FRANCES TRAIN.
General Varder, on Friday morning, and intends proceeding by the Press on Sunday morning, will
LECTURE
IN THE CITY HALL,
on the Evening of
FRIDAY or SATURDAY NEXT.
Further particulars on the arrival of Citizen Train.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1890.

THE MARINER FURNITURE Co., Ltd., COLONIAL CHAMBERS, have prepared a special large stock of FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY of their own unequalled manufacture, which they are prepared to sell during the present month
SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES.
HANDSOME DRAWING ROOM SUITES
LIBRARY SETS, in BEST MOROCCO.
COMPLETE DINING ROOM SUITES.
WARDROBES, with MIRROR GLASSES, &c.
DRESSING TABLES with MARBLE TOPS and WASHSTANDS to match.
CABINETS, JARDINIERS, MANTEL MIRRORS, CONSOLE GLASSES, &c.
Just Received a Selected Stock of FURNITURE COVERINGS, ART-PAPERIES, CURTAINS, FRINGES, &c.
BREWERS HAVE JUST RECEIVED
How to be Beautiful.
Sporting Notes in Par East.
How to Happy the Married.
Manners Match Men.
Stories, or How to Punish.
American Dishes and how to Cook them.
Wedding Invitation Cards.
Printed at Home Cards.
Printed Dinner Cards.
Printed Party Cards.
Violets, Strings, Banjo Strings.
Gossamer Chess Players' Tea Book.
Bailey's Chemists Pocket Book.
Annals of the New York City.
Solid Gold Men's Tennis Shoes.
Baby Organs; an excellent Organ for Ship's Cabins.
Collard & Collard's Pianos.
Broadway Pianos.
Moulinet & Weston's Pianos on monthly terms if desired.
WALTER W. BREWER, Sole Agent, 111, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

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ESTABLISHED IN LONDON, 1815.
Are represented in China by
Messrs. STANLEY & Co., Ltd.,
LARGE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
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Subsidiary of the above, consigned by these well-known Shippers.
COGNAC.—Their popular "4 Star" quality and "No. 1" quality.
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SCOTCH WHISKY.
See Separate Advertisement.
IRISH WHISKY.
The Best—Only one quality consigned.
PORT.—"INVALIDS."
Invalids in particular are recommended to select this Wine. See Special Advertisement.
SHERRY.
For Connoisseurs the following Wines have their own distinctive qualities:
The "INVALIDS," pale, delicate, fine flavor.
"ARONCO," a Special Wine, very popular.
"MAGNANIMA," a choice dry sparkling Wine.
"SHERRY"—White Star, a special favorite in China, very delicate and soft.
CLARET.
Perfectly pure Bordeaux, not loaded to please vitiated palates.
MOUTON.....in quarts and pints.
LARGO.....in quarts and pints.
St. Emilion.....in quarts and pints.
MARGATE-MEUNE in quarts and pints.
LIQUEUR.
Benedictine from the Monastery.
C. F. & Co., the Sole Consignors of the world wide known LIQUEUR.
For Prices apply to either of the above Firms marked.

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BOOKBINDING, by European methods, with the best materials, and under European supervision, at very favorable terms; no Medical Examination required. Should the Child not reach the stipulated age, all premiums received will be returned by the Company; the Contract provided for a fixed sum to become payable to a Child on its attaining a specified age, as agreed upon.
BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co., Agents, Hongkong.

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INTIMATIONS.

DAKIN BROTHERS OF CHINA, LIMITED, SOLE AGENTS FOR DR. KENNEL'S EXTRACT.
A most effective Combination with a rich Vitamin flavor.
BEEF, A Nervous Tonic and Solvent.
BEEF, The most nutritious and strength giving food.
IRON, (Pyrophosphate): The great Remedy to enrich the blood and nourish the brain. This Preparation has proved to be exceedingly valuable for the cure of Nervous Exhaustion, Debility, Sleeplessness, Restlessness, Nausea, Dyspepsia, General Prostration of the Vital Force, and all Derangements consequent upon overtaxed mind and body. In fact it gives tone to the physical functions, and buoyancy to the spirits.
Fint bottles.....\$1.50
Pordozon.....\$15.00
TELEPHONE No. 60.
Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, will be held at 4 P.M., on SATURDAY, the 31st day of May, next, for the purpose of considering, and if approved, of passing the following Resolutions:
1.—That the Capital of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be increased from \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 25,000 New Shares of \$125 each, to be issued at the price of \$125 each.
2.—That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to the Shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every five Old Shares held on the 31st day of May, 1890, they shall respectively be the Registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, shall be offered and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interest of the Company.
3.—That the sum of \$42,100 per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz.:
\$10 12s. 6d. on the 30th day of June, 1890.
\$10 12s. 6d. on the 30th day of Sept. 1890.
\$10 12s. 6d. on the 30th day of Dec. 1890.
\$10 12s. 6d. on the 30th day of March, 1891.
4.—That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares entitled to the said New Shares, and all other shares in respect of which share in excess of or below such multiple, and allot one new share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificates on or before the 30th day of June, 1890, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.
5.—That after payment of the first instalment and pending payment of the future instalments, a Scrip Certificate in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares, entitling the Holders on payment of the remaining instalments, and subject to such terms as may be agreed, to receive the said New Shares, and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the Holders of the Shares represented by such Scrip Certificates respectively.
6.—That interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum (free of income tax) be allowed out of the profits of the Company on all instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due and that if, on the 30th June, 1890, Holders of Scrip Certificates are entitled to receive dividends, in proportion to the amount of instalments paid up on or before the 30th June, 1890, and the first instalment in respect thereof.
7.—That interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum be charged on every instalment which will not be paid on or before the 30th June, 1890, and be paid with such instalment.
8.—That all monies received from premiums on the said New Shares be added to the Reserve Fund.
FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
W. H. PERCIVAL, Acting Secretary.
Shanghai, 3rd April, 1890.
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HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.
(LIMITED BY SHARES)
Are now showing a large and well selected
**STOCK OF GENTLEMEN'S
SUMMER UNDERWEAR & PANTS.**
SILK and WOOL VESTS and PANTS.
Gamo Marine VESTS and PANTS.
Summer Marine VESTS and PANTS.
India Gaze Marine VESTS and PANTS.
Haberger VESTS and PANTS.
A Large Assortment of
STRAW HATS.
SUMMER SCARFS, in great variety.
Just to hand
A Large Stock of TAN LEATHER,
LUMBER LEATHER, and RED LEATHER
SHOES.
WHITE CANVAS SHOES.
HONGKONG TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG, 24th March, 1890.

WINES AND SPIRITS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1847)
HONGKONG.
We invite attention to the following old brand
Brands, all of which are excellent quality and
good value for the money.
The same being specially selected by our
London House, and brought direct from the most
noted Shippers, are imported in bulk and bottled
by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best
brandy at moderate prices.
In ordering it is only necessary to state the
name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted,
and initial letter for quality desired.
Orders through Local Post or by Telegram
receive prompt attention.
PORTS: For London and general use.

CLARETS.
A. Superior Brandy, Old Blend, Red
Capsule, 12 1.10
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DEATH.
At the residence of the late Mr. J. J. Watson, 24th March, 1890, at the age of 71 years. Deeply regretted.
The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, APRIL 10th, 1890.

The Colonial Treasurer's annual statement was laid on the table of the Legislative Council yesterday. The total revenue for 1889 was \$1,828,549, being an increase of \$266,395 on that of the previous year. Of these there are five yielding over \$100,000 each, namely, leased lands \$187,208, opium monopoly \$428,400, stamps \$213,479, assessed taxes \$874,857, and postage \$142,590. From these postage must be deducted, as the amount stated is the gross and not the net income. From the Postmaster-General's recently published report it appears there was a deficit in 1888 of over \$16,000, but in the expenditure is included three quarters of a year's subsidy to the P. & O. Company on account of 1888. Deducting this we have a net profit from the Post Office in 1888 of nearly \$30,000. The postal accounts for last year have not yet

been made up. Eliminating postage we have four items yielding over \$100,000 each. Of these items is the largest, representing nearly one fourth of the total revenue. This is undoubtedly an uncertain source of revenue in the sense that it may vary to the extent of one or two hundred thousand dollars, but it will always yield a very considerable sum. All the other sources of revenue are eminently sound. First we have the income from Crown rents, which was last year \$167,208, showing an increase of over \$10,000 on the previous year. There is no reasonable probability of any decrease in this item. There was a time in the history of the Colony when revenue of land by the Government on account of non-payment of Crown rent was not very infrequent, but that is not likely to be repeated, and even if it were the decrease would be confined within comparatively small limits. The stamp revenue, \$213,479, showed an increase of over \$26,000. With a period of stagnation in trade the increase from this source could not be expected, but there is no likelihood of any very serious backward movement. Assessed taxes yield over a fifth of the total revenue of the Colony, the amount collected last year being \$874,857, an increase of \$14,565 on the previous year. Here again the probability of any serious decrease—unless by the much wished for remission of taxation—is so exceedingly remote that it cannot be seriously considered. Passing on to the items of revenue of less than \$100,000, we have: Markets \$69,724, profit on subsidiary coins \$83,199, spirit licences \$48,794, light dues (which ought not to be considered an item of general revenue) \$31,888, lands not leased including stone quarries \$29,776, and registry of carriages, chairs, etc., \$20,313. None of the other items reach \$20,000, though there are several that come very near that figure. A careful examination of the account shows that all the items of revenue, with the exception of opium, are thoroughly sound and need cause no apprehension as to any serious decline. Still, it is well to look at the dark as well as the bright side, and assuming that there might be a decrease of \$200,000 in the opium revenue and that a long continued depression in trade caused a falling off in the income from stamps, assessed taxes, and the various fees of office, the total revenue of the Colony might be reduced from \$1,828,549 to \$1,500,000, which we think may safely be taken as the minimum. The expenditure, excluding extraordinary public works, last year was \$1,459,167. Taking, therefore, what we consider a very pessimistic view of the revenue, the Colony would still be well able to pay its way, if the expenditure were kept at the same level as last year, but to meet the increased military contribution, involving an additional expenditure of over \$130,000, other economy would have to be practised in other departments or some additional source of revenue would have to be found. We consider it highly improbable, however, that the revenue will ever fall off to the extent mentioned, and even if it did the falling off would be only temporary. Incidentally it may be noted that we seem to have got an economical Surveyor-General in the Hon. S. Brown, for notwithstanding the phenomenal run of May last the expenditure on roads, streets, and bridges was \$16,000 less than in the previous year, and that on works and buildings more than \$4,000 less.

There will be a game of Polo on the Race at 5 p.m. to-day.
There has been a death from influenza in the Singapore gaoi.
Dr. Dolores informs us that a shock of earthquake was felt at Hoihow yesterday afternoon. The Eurasian corvette *Krassner*, Captain P. Boissacoff, left Amoy on the 3rd April for Foochow.
We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) that the O.S. S. Co.'s steamer *Patrolos*, from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday morning for this port.
The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) inform us that the China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Exford*, from Glasgow, left Singapore on the 8th inst. and is due here on the 18th inst.
In honour of the Duke of Connaught's visit to Singapore and to the Fort, his name is hereafter to be permanently associated with the position of the fortifications there. His name, *Hereditary Prince of Monaco*, was adopted by the Duke of Connaught in 1884, and is due to him on the 18th inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Thames*, with the English mail of 14th March, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on about Monday, the 14th inst. This steamer is expected to deliver despatches from Hongkong on February 5th.
According to the forty-fifth annual report of the New York Life Insurance Company, which has just been issued, they were 39,499 in 1889 in 1889 insuring \$151,110,038. The total amount of insurance now in force is \$495,601,970. The income for the year was \$29,163,256, and the profit paid to policy holders \$12,121,121. The total assets on the 1st January, 1890, amounted to \$105,653,600.
A horrible piece of cruelty is reported from Singapore. A young Chinese boy, named Inspector McGregor and Sergeant Morton went to an empty house at No. 26, Duxton Street, and there found a young Arab, aged about 23, fastened to the wall by his arms and legs, and his head buried in the floor. The Arab was taken to the Police station, where he was found to be a young man who had been put there by his uncle and had been there for six days. When he was liberated he could hardly stand and was much emaciated and was at once sent to hospital. No reason is assigned for this gross outrage, but it is said that the young man has lately come into possession of considerable money from his father's estate, and that the uncle took this means of forcing him to give him (the uncle) some of the property.

The Bellios Trustees have awarded the following prizes in respect of the examination held by them in December last:—
1st prize: Silver medal and \$30.—F. Hornpool, Hongkong Public School.
2nd prize: Bronze medal and \$20.—E. Lamert, Hongkong Public School.
3rd prize: \$20.—F. Marques, St. Joseph's School.
4th prize: \$15.—C. Marques, St. Joseph's School.
5th prize: \$15.—W. Allen, Victoria College.
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